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SUBJECT: VARIOUS COMMENTS OF A RANKING MEMBER OF THE
CROATIAN COMMUNIST PARTY

1. A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDIUUM OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY OF CROATIA,
WHO IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE CONSUL GENERAL HAS BEEN
CANDID AND STRAIGHTFORWARD, TOLD THE CONSUL GENERAL ON MAY 26
THAT:

A. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE HAD MADE AN EXTREMELY FAVORABLE IM-
PRESSION ON TITO AND OTHER YUGOSLAV LEADERS WHEN HE VISITED
BELGRADE MAY 20-22. MONDALE HAD IMPRESSED THEM WITH HIS IN-
TELLIGENCE AND MANNER AND STRUCK TITO AS BEING VERY DIFFERENT
FROM THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENTS HE HAD MET BEFORE. THE YUGO-
SLAVS FELT THAT MONDALE REFLECTED IMPORTANTLY ON PRESIDENT
CARTER HIMSELF. WHILE THIS YUGOSLAV HAD NOT RECEIVED DE-
TAILED REPORTS OF THE MONDALE VISIT, HE SAID THAT THE PERSONAL
DIRECT CONVERSATIONS BETWEEN MONDALE AND YUGOSLAV LEADERS HAD
CONTRIBUTED IN MOVING US-YUGOSLAV RELATIONS IN A MOST FAVOR-
ABLE AND POSITIVE DIRECTION. (THESE IMPRESSIONS DOVETAIL WITH
THOSE REPORTED IN BELGRADE'S 3337.)

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B. BREZHNEV'S LETTER TO TITO (THE DELIVERY OF WHICH WAS RE-
PORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS ON MAY 10), INCLUDED BIRTHDAY GREET-
INGS AS WELL AS ADVANCE NOTICE OF THE IMPENDING REMOVAL OF
PODGORNY AND KATUSHEV SO THAT TITO WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED.
ACCORDING TO THE YUGOSLAV, KATUSHEV HAD BEEN REMOVED BECAUSE
HE HAD INACCURATELY INFORMED BREZHNEV OF YUGOSLAV POSITIONS
AND ATTITUDES SO THAT WHEN BREZHNEV MET WITH TITO IN NOVEMBER

1976, BREZHNEV HAD BEEN UNPREPARED FOR THE DIFFERENCES WHICH EXISTED BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAV AND SOVIET POSITIONS. FOR THIS AND "OTHER REASONS," KATUSHEV HAD BEEN REMOVED.

C. PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL DJURANOVIC WILL CONTINUE TO OCCUPY HIS TOP FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITION AFTER THE APRIL 1978 CHANGES TAKE PLACE; OTHERS IN TOP FEDERAL GOVERNMENT POSITIONS, INCLUDING PRESIDENT OF THE FEDERAL ASSEMBLY GILGOROV, WILL BE TRANSFERRED. YUGOSLAV FOREIGN MINISTER MINIC WILL FOR HEALTH REASONS GIVE UP HIS JOB AS FOREIGN MINISTER. JOSIP VRHOVEC, NOW MEMBER OF THE PRESIDUM OF THE LCY WHO HAD FORMERLY BEEN YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, IS A CANDIDATE TO SUCCEED MINIC. JURE BILIC, MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF THE LCY WILL PROBABLY REMAIN IN BELGRADE AND NOT RETURN TO TAKE A LEADERSHIP POSITION IN CROATIA; HE MAY TAKE A LEADING POSITION IN THE SOCIALIST ALLIANCE OF WORKING PEOPLE OF YUGOSLAVIA.

D. IN CROATIA, THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF THE COMMUNIST PARTY MILKA PLANINC WILL CONTINUE IN THAT POSITION. PRESIDENT OF THE CROATIAN PRESIDENCY JAKOV BLAZEVIC WILL MOST LIKELY BE RETIRED AND MAY BE SUCCEDED BY MIKA SPILJAK, PRESENTLY PRESIDENT OF THE YUGOSLAV FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS. KAISER

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